

20 AAC 25.170(c) is amended to read:

(c) The commission will modify the time period set out in (a) of this section as follows:

(1) if the Department of Natural Resources, as to a state lease, or the United States Department of the Interior, as to a federal lease approves a time period beyond one year after well abandonment for location clearance, the commission will set an identical time period for compliance with (a) of this section;

(2) the commission will grant an extension of time beyond one year after well abandonment, if the commission determines that the extension does not threaten public health or safety or the surface owner's interests, and that the operator does not seek an extension for purposes of delay; to seek an extension under this paragraph, the operator must submit an Application for Sundry Approvals (Form 10-403) stating

(A) a request for a specific extension not to exceed one year;

(B) the reason an extension is necessary;

(C) a description of location clearance progress; and

(D) the expiration date of the owner's rights to enter the location;

(3) if the well is located on a drill site with active production and/or injection operations at the time a well is abandoned, site clearance must be completed within one year of the cessation of production and/or injection operations at the drill site.

(Eff. 4/13/80, Register 74; am 4/2/86, Register 97; am 11/7/99, Register 152; am ___/___/___,

Register _____)

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